

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 19 remain pending in the present application. Claims 11, 12 and 20 have been cancelled. Claim 19 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujimoto, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,115,426) in view of Ando (U.S. Pat. No. 6,275,552 B1). Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujimoto, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,115,426) in view of Ando (U.S. Pat. No. 6,275,552 B1) and Alamouti, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,933,421). The dependency of Claim 19 has been changed from "either Claim 8 or Claim 11" to "Claim 8". Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujimoto, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,115,426) in view of Ando (U.S. Pat. No. 6,275,552 B1) and Herring, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,958,987 B1). Claim 20 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 8 has been allowed. In addition, Applicants believe Claim 19, which has been amended to depend from only Claim 8, is also allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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